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SUBJECT: CIA Relations or Activities with the Congress

1. The following responds to *the Senate Select Committee's request for* ~~"the Committee's would appreciate"~~

"a full report on the nature and extent of all CIA relationships or activities in the Senate." The report has been expanded to CIA relationships or activities in the Congress to insure the report is complete.

2. CIA's Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) conducts the Agency's liaison with the Congress. This includes contacts, in the name of the Agency, with Members of Congress, with committees of Congress, and with staff personnel of both. OLC maintains regular contact with the four committees which exercise primary oversight of Agency activities. They are Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. It also maintains contact with other congressional committees, principally the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, House International Affairs Committee, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. OLC also responds to requests from Congress and its members for substantive intelligence information and other queries from individual congressmen and their staffs to meet requirements of the congressman or that of his constituents.

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3. Recently the Agency undertook a new effort in providing substantive intelligence to the Congress. A publication known as the Intelligence Check List for Congress was made available to the members of the Senate Armed Services, Appropriations and Foreign Relations Committees and the House Armed Services, Appropriations and International Relations Committees, as well as the Speaker of the House and was offered to the President of the Senate. This publication is specifically designed to serve the Congress and to focus on those substantive intelligence matters which are believed to be of particular interest to the Congress.

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4. Whenever the Director or other Senior Agency officials give sensitive classified testimony in Congress, the Agency

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for the handling of classified transcripts. These defensive measures are done with full knowledge of the committee chairman.

5. CIA does not clear Members of Congress. Members are provided information on the basis of their membership on various committees and/or their position as a Member of Congress. It should be noted, however, that some Members of Congress held Agency security clearances
 before they were elected to Congress.

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The attached draft has been reviewed by the Office of Security. Appropriate changes have been noted on the draft.